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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

NAKAE *et al.*

Application Number: 09/527,440

Filed: March 17, 2000

For: PRIMER DESIGN SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0003

Art Unit 1631

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	12	12	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action  
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[ ] Preliminary Amendment

[ ] Substitute Specification

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Petition for Extension of Time months

[ ] Terminal Disclaimer

[ ] Letter to Draftsperson

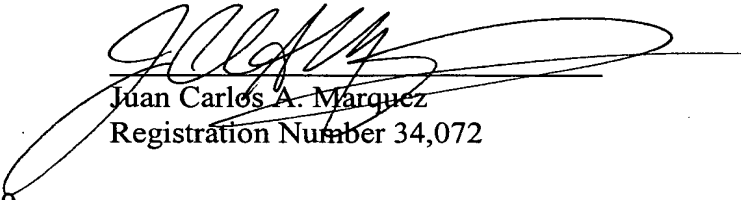
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's phone call on January 8, 2004 and the office action dated January 29, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on April 29, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: